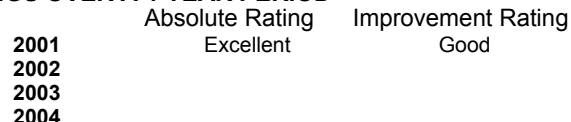


ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 57.

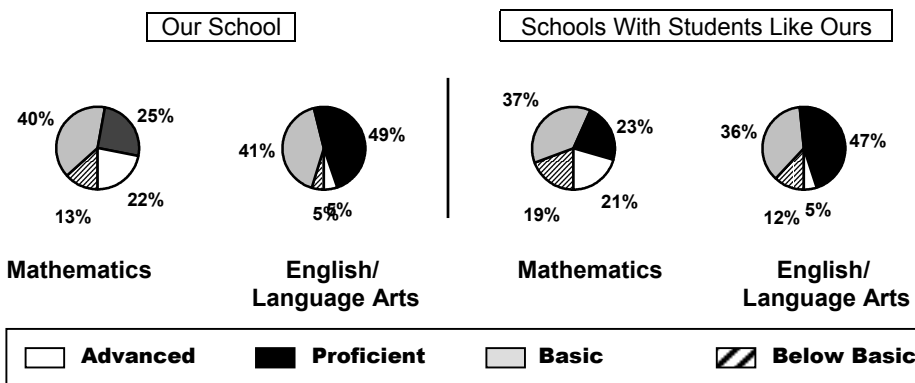
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=186)	95.2	86.6	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=22)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=164)	97	89.6		
Gender				
Male (n=99)	91.9	86.9		
Female (n=87)	98.9	86.2		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=7)	N/A	N/A		
Hispanic (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=176)	95.5	85.8		
Other (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=44)	93.2	88.6		
Pay for lunch (n=142)	95.8	85.9		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,156	N/A	\$4,705	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	89.7%	Down from 91.8%	90.7%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.1 to 1	N/A	20.5 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=421)				
• Attendance Rate	96.7%	Down from 97.3%	96.6%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0%	N/A	2.8%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	1.8%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	98.8%	Up from 93.8%	95.1%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	2.8%	Down from 6.8%	2.4%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=27)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	15.2 Days	Up from 7.5	7.7 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	94.4%	Down from 95.7%	95.4%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	51.9%	Up from 46.4%	54.5%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	85.2%	Up from 78.6%	87%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	91%	Down from 92.4%	89.1%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,434	Up 6.2%	\$38,801	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	63%	N/A	65.7%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	5	N/A	4.5	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	98.1%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	28.8%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.5%	Up from 0%	0.6%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	23.7%	Up from 22.7%	23.7%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	5.9%	Down from 6.3%	7.8%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

As always, this has been a great year at La France Elementary School! Our students and teachers have continued a long-standing tradition of educational excellence. Among our many accomplishments this year, the South Carolina Association of School Administrators recognized La France Elementary as a "Schools of Promise Flagship Level Award Winner," and the South Carolina Department of Education presented the school with the Exemplary Writing Award for the fifth consecutive year. Of course, we were very excited for Mrs. Morgan Nolte who was selected as our school's Teacher of the Year and who also received National Board Certification. Finally, we were especially proud of Meredith Edwards for winning the district spelling bee contest and Jamie Ables for winning the Lieutenant Governor's Writing Award.

In addition, many extra-curricular programs and activities were planned for students. Some of these included the Math Olympiad Program, Science Clubs, Spanish Club, Art Exploration Day, Science Fun Day, Annual Writing Celebration, Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus, Accelerated Reader Program, After-School Homework Center, and the Artist-in-Residence Program.

We also appreciate an excellent PTO and School Improvement Council. Volunteers logged approximately 2,880 hours during the year. The PTO raised funds to purchase children's books for the classrooms, sponsor various art and science activities, and to offer field trip scholarships to needy families. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful parent support for our school and its programs.

La France Elementary is more than a place; it is a community and we are glad you are part of it.

Gary Bruhjell

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	96.3	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	94.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	98.1	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 421 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001



School Grade:
Excellent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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